

## A Romance of Extraordinary Distinction

# THE MARSHAL

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(Continued from Thursday.)

"And from time to time one of the men, as he talked, rose up and strode across the room to the great oak table where lay always on a wooden plate a long loaf of black bread, with a knife, and always a glass and a bottle of eau-de-vie—brandy. And I remember how manly it looked to me, when I saw him take the loaf under his arm and hold it, and slice off boldly a great piece of the fresh rye bread, and pour out a glass of brandy and toss it off as he ate the bread. The stories seemed to grow better after the teller had done that. "And always I waited, even through the tale of the ghost and the fire-breathing hound, till the talk should swing round, as it did ever toward the end, to the stories of Napoleon that were fresh in men's minds in those days. It was as if I sat on needles before my bedtime came, yet I did not dare to be restless and move about for fear that my mother might send me suddenly to bed. But I always gave a sigh of content and always the grand-mere patted my head softly to hear it, when my father cleared his throat and began—

"There is a small thing that happened when the emperor was marching—and then he was launched on his tale."

A great hickory log fell, rolled out toward the hearth. The carved nymphs and shepherds seemed to frown in disapproval at this irregularity, and the girl in the deep chair smiled, but the man sprang up and put the log in place with quick efficiency. His story, silent by the tall mantelpiece, deep yet in his reverie, as the flames caught the wood again and sparkled and sputtered.

"Did any of them ever see Napoleon—those men who talked about him?" the girl asked.

The Frenchman turned a queer look on her, and did not answer. "Did any of your family ever see him, Monsieur?" she asked again.

The alert figure stopped backward, sat down again on the gilded chair and leaned forward considerably. Francois nodded as if to the fire. "But yes, Mademoiselle," he said, in a whisper.

"Oh, tell me!" the girl cried, all interest. "Who was it? How was it? It couldn't be—she hesitated—'yourself! If you, whom I know so well, should have seen the emperor!' She caught a deep breath of excitement. This was another Lucy Hampton from the serious young mistress of Roanoke house whom the country people knew. "Quickly, Monsieur, tell me if it was yourself."

Francois turned his eyes on her. "Yes, Mademoiselle," he answered. A log slipped and slid and the sparks caught a new surface and flew aloft in a crackling uproar; the clish light showered brilliantly on the girl's fair hair as she bent forward with her white teeth gleaming, her blue eyes shining, stirred with the dramatic air of the Frenchman. "With a catch of her breath—

"You have seen Napoleon!" she said, and then, impetuously, "Tell me about it!" But, though he smiled at her with that affectionate amusement which she seemed, of all sentiments, oftenest to inspire in him, he did not answer.

"Monsieur! you will not refuse to tell me when I want to know so much!" she pleaded, and I went in. "How old were you? Did he speak to you? What did he say to you?"

And the Frenchman laughed as if at a dear child who was absurd. "Mademoiselle asks many questions—which shall I answer?" he demanded, and the time to her ear was the

mother ran to me, and I have often heard her tell how she peeped from the door under the shoulder of the big sentry who would not let her pass, and how she saw a young general pick me up and set me on my feet, and how all the great officers laughed when he said that the sword was in contest between Marshal Ney and me. And how, then, the young general suggested that, to settle the point amicably, the marshal should draw his sword, and give me the accolade—the blow of knighting. And so, Mademoiselle, to shorten the tale, it was not the marshal, but the emperor himself who chose to do it. He made me kneel before him, I—a baby—and he struck my shoulder the blow of the accolade, and said the words which I have told you."

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### SELECT JURY TO TRY WIFE OF CHINAMAN

Mrs. Charlie Sing, Who Was Found Near Husband's Body, on Trial in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—A jury to try the white wife of Charlie Sing, a Chinese, for his murder, was completed in Judge McDonald's court here Thursday.

Friends and countrymen of the deceased were conspicuous in the court room. They were particularly interested in the appearance of the defendant who was garbed in black, a shade contrasting sharply with her auburn hair.

Mrs. Sing was found, apparently unconscious by the side of her husband, who was stabbed to death in his home. The room was in disorder and Mrs. Sing told the police that men who were strangers to her made the attack.

Mrs. Sing's mother, Mrs. Nora Davis, of Kansas City, Mo., arrived today and found her daughter in court. "I knew you would come," Mrs. Sing smiled. She carried a bible, given her by a mission worker while she was in jail, and said she had become converted to Christianity.

### BIBLE CLASS WILL MEET

Rev. H. R. White to Deliver Address Friday Night.

The second Y. M. C. A. Bible class will be held Friday night before which a luncheon will be served. At the last meeting 35 members were present and an effort is being made to increase the number to 50. Rev. H. R. White will deliver the principal address, using the theme, "The Significance of Christ's Birth." The lesson is in the series on the life of Christ and several speakers will be heard at the luncheon.

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## CRITICISMS OF COURTS UNJUST

Chief Justice Edgar M. Cullen Says Bench is Held Responsible When Red Tape and Juries Are to Blame.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 19.—Criticism of courts made by both former Pres. Taft and Roosevelt was termed "Unjustified" Thursday night by Chief Justice Edgar M. Cullen of the New York state court of appeals. The justice will retire on Jan. 1, under the age law. His remarks were made at a banquet given him by the Albany County Bar association.

Technicalities, red tape and an imperfect jury system, he declared, were responsible for many alleged miscarriages of justice, for which the bench was held responsible. In this connection he called attention to the Shaw case, saying, "whole responsibility for the miscarriage of justice in this case was due to the action of the jury."

Judge Cullen declared he was favorable to the appointment rather than the election of judges.

"These criticisms have been greatly fostered by the public addresses of the two living ex-presidents of this country, both of whom I have the honor of knowing, and both of whom, in their personal characters, I highly respect," he declared. "I resent their criticism, not because I believe that courts more than any other human institution, should be exempt from criticism, but because I think in both cases the criticism is unjustified."

### "HAINT NO SICH THING"

Peanut Lovers Do Not Pay Tribute to a Giant Combine.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—There is no peanut trust and the price of the peanut is largely determined by the size of crops in the United States and Spain, according to investigators of the department of justice, who have concluded an inquiry into the subject.

Charges made to Atty. Gen. McReynolds that dealers in Virginia and North Carolina controlled the market and fixed prices have not been borne out by the investigation, and a suit under the anti-trust act is not now contemplated.

### HUSBAND IS MISSING

Charging that her husband left her in June, 1911, saying he was going to St. Louis to get a position and promising that he would send for her, and that she had not heard from him since, Helen Hartman has filed suit for divorce from Charles Hartman in the superior court.

## ACCEPT BRYAN'S TREATY OF PEACE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Secy. Bryan and Chevalier Van Rappard, Netherlands minister, Thursday signed a treaty providing that any question between the United States and the Netherlands which can not be settled by diplomacy, shall be submitted for investigation to an international commission of five members. The period of investigation is fixed at one year, although it may be shortened.

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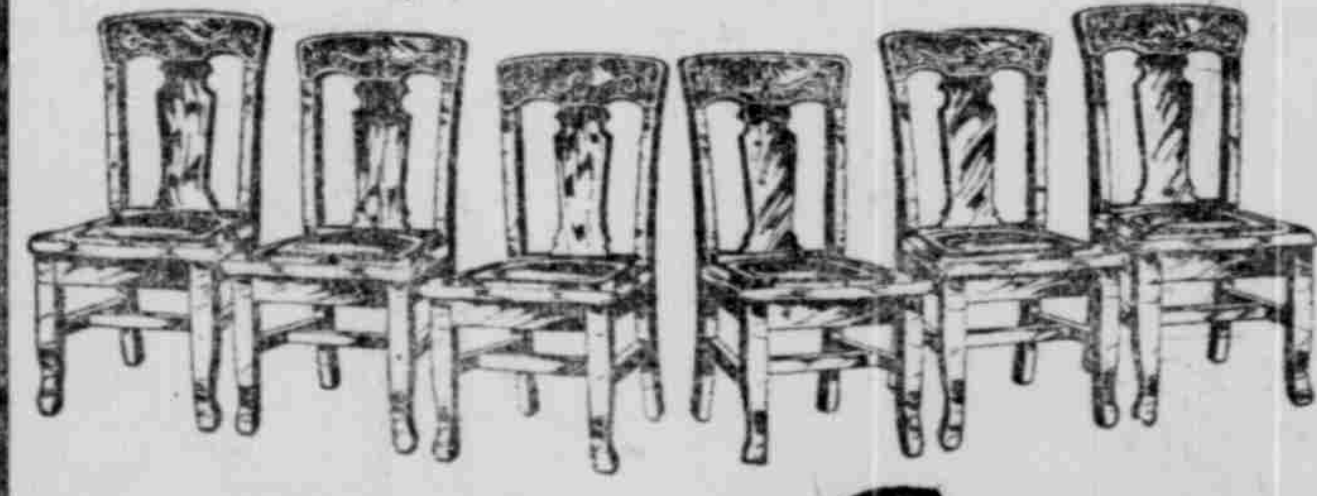
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